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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Naoki MITSUTA et al.

Application No.: 10/505,442

Filed: August 31, 2004

For: MEMBRANE-ELECTRODE STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING
THE SAME

Confirmation No.: 6695

Group Art Unit: 1795

Examiner: Alix E. ECHELMEYER

Attorney Docket No.: 101175-00054

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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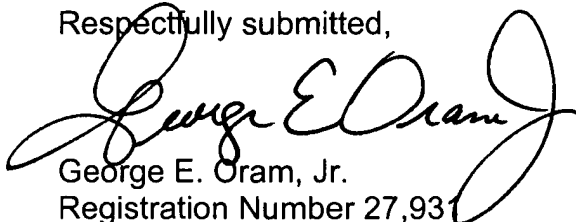
Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated April 4, 2008, the Applicants hereby elect Group I directed to Claims 1 – 11, drawn to a membrane electrode structure for a fuel cell. This election is made without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

In view of the Applicants' above election, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of elected Group I, Claims 1 – 11 on the merits.

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Respectfully submitted,



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